Met Office Chief Scientist appointed to the European Commission Scientific Advice Group

10 November 2015 - Professor Dame Julia Slingo, Met Office Chief Scientist, has been appointed as one of the seven members of a new European Commission Scientific Advice Mechanism group

The new group brings together top scientists from across Europe, who will draw on the wide range of world leading scientific expertise, and help to improve the evidence based scientific advice behind the Commissions policy-making activities.

Professor Dame Julia Slingo, Met Office Chief Scientist, said: "I'm very proud to have been nominated and chosen to work with this new and innovative group.

"My appointment acknowledges the importance of weather and climate science from across the national and European science communities at a time when resilience to environmental events, and the need for expert scientific advice and scrutiny, are of increasing importance."

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: "The support from the scientific community has been tremendous with many eminent scientists coming forward to help.

"The seven exceptional scientists I have appointed to the group will take the use of independent science advice in Commission policy making to a new level. The European Commission will rely on their independent advice on a range of complex policy issues where high level scientific input is not currently available."

A main objective of the group is to ensure that scientific advice given to the Commission:

- is independent of institutional or political interests
- brings together evidence and insights from different disciplines and approaches
- takes into consideration the specificities of EU policy making
- is transparent.

The seven members of the High Level Group were selected following an open call for nominations and the recommendations of an independent identification committee.

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